

Ainsmith Will Stay Behind---Rain and Wind Keep Griffmen Indoors to Practice

TWO OF GRIFFMEN ON HOSPITAL LIST; CAMP WEATHER BAD

Stiff Breezes Caress Lambeth Field After Hard Rain Soaks It.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 8.—A stiff cold breeze and rain-soaked ground prevented the Griffmen from taking their morning drill in Ryan's Hollow today, but Mique Martin had the squad work out in the tennis court. The practice was brief, but spirited. Nick Altrock and Harry Harper now compose the hospital list. Altrock sprained his back yesterday and is having trouble with his tonsils. Harper complains of a lame back and did very little work today. Last night's heavy rain has soaked the diamond on Lambeth field, packing the loose earth for the player.

"The boys are coming along in fine fashion," is the official statement of Trainer Mique Martin. "Give us three or four more days like yesterday and the pitchers will be looking them by the middle of next week, giving Griff's batters all the practice they need. Several of the boys, notably Harper and Humphries, are rapidly getting into shape, and will probably be the first to be used. Others are also developing rapidly. He will get all the trial he wants."

"Warm days like yesterday mean much for the boys, and I'm pulling for more."

Two good workouts were in order yesterday. In the morning the lads piled out upon Lambeth field, being most careful to keep off the diamond, which was being tenderly maintained by the King of Dahomey and his minions. In the afternoon they piled over to Ryan's Hollow and worked hard for more than an hour.

All the pitchers warmed up in the morning, and Shaw was given a long grind at the bunting drill. He was screaming for help when allowed to do so, but he had to circle the running track twice before digging for the showers.

Ray Morgan was worked hard at the bunting practice and then circled the track before quitting his morning practice.

Turner Barber and Horace Milan attended a lecture, with illustrations, on the art of running. It was delivered by Mr. Ferdinand Martin, trainer extraordinary and acting mayor of Cherrydale. Barber and Milan furnished the foreground illustrations.

"Both of them are showing improvement," said Ferd afterward, "but they've got a lot of work ahead of them yet. They can't afford to let up for a minute. I want them on their toes all the time, and I find they forget and slump back upon their heels. That'll never do. But I'll stay with them. They're improving."

The afternoon workout in Ryan's Hollow partook more of the nature of baseball. After a short preliminary warming up, Jack Bentley took his place on the rubber, pitching to Barber, Milan, Morgan, Jack Ryan, Gharitty, and Ehrman. The Sandy Springs southpaw was in good form, laying the ball right over all the time, and the outfield, composed wholly of twirlers, was kept on the run and climb, for several drives went over the wall to the railroad track. Bentley's performance was creditable.

Sam Rice got his first workout against the batters after Bentley. The former Virginia Leaguer tried little, but he did well, and was shortly released to let Dumont work about five minutes. Dumont is not yet in the heat of condition, and so was excused early.

"Tod" Sloan was the next twirler to take up the task of facing the batters. His pitching motion didn't seem to suit Coach Altrock, who was kept busy correcting him. By the time he finished, Sloan was doing well, and was giving the batsmen just what they wanted.

Allen Dahlen, the lanky flogger from Sheffield, Pa., made his 1916 debut next and was wild as a hawk. He had the batters jumping out of the way to keep from being wounded. The youngster was noticeably nervous, but is expected to be more at ease the next time he climbs the hill.

Charlie Humphreys, the smooth-working southpaw, closed the pitching workout. As on every occasion thus far, he made an excellent impression, though he did nothing spectacular. His style of pitching is finished, and Coach Altrock admitted afterward that he was satisfied with the midget.

A misty infield was made up of Ed Gharitty at first, Ray Morgan at second, and Joe Boehling at third, no shortstop playing for a short but lively bout of the work. Morgan was given most nobly in his effort to take off weight. Bundled up in his red flannel, three heavy undershirts, his uniform, and a heavy sweater, Morgan wasn't exactly graceful, but that he moved at all was wonderful.

The infield drill ended the day's work. Jack Ryan's Virginia collegians taking possession of the field.

Camp Griff has some muskrat mad. Catching three muskrats on their first attempt, the Bentley-Shaw-Rice combination has cornered all traps in Charlottesville, and plan to wage war upon the nearby rat colony.

AINSMITH UNABLE TO LEAVE TOMORROW

Eddie Ainsmith, who for many seasons has been the battery mate of Walter Johnson, will not go to Charlottesville tomorrow with the main squad of the Griffmen. Ainsmith's eyes have been troubling him for many weeks and his progress toward recovery has not been sufficient to warrant his reporting to Charlottesville for the time being.

Ever since Ainsmith came to Washington, nearly a month ago, he has been under the care of a physician and Griffith does not wish to have his case neglected, so will permit him to remain behind.

Howard Shanks, the handsome outer gardener, checked in at the ball club's office early today. The Monica Marvel said that he is more than anxious to get into baseball togs and expressed himself as being hopeful of another big year in baseball.

Walter Johnson had a long conversation with Clark Griffith this morning in the latter's office, in the Southern building. Griffith is pleased with the excellent condition Johnson has reported in, but remarked that it is only usual for the Speed Marvel to report in good shape.

The remaining members of the Griffmen will go to Charlottesville tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Included in the second squad will be Michele, Jamison, Rondeau, Moeller, Foster, Shanks, Henry, Johnson, Williams, and Griffith. Clyde Milan will report direct to the camp as will Young Sawyer, Parks, and Schwab.

Matches Between Women Arranged

Two Alleys Are to Stage Duckpin Games to Create A. C. B. A. Interest.

With a view to creating more enthusiasm in the A. C. B. A. meet and generally boosting that event, two teams of women are to bowl a series of six games, three at the Grand Central Palace alleys and three at the National Capital Academy. The date will be fixed for one night next week.

Included in the National Capital Academy team will be the members of the Ingram Memorial quint, who rolled a team of Alma Patrol last night, winning one out of three games. Their scores follow:

ALL-STAR GIRLS.		
Miss Quates.....	74	80
Miss Frick.....	84	92
Miss Thomas.....	92	84
Miss Greenwood.....	84	90
Miss Williams.....	81	86
Totals.....	426	450

ALMA PATROL.		
Stewart.....	70	86
Avery.....	76	108
Ball.....	88	92
Georges.....	79	82
Hess.....	105	100
Totals.....	418	478

Morris Caffits has not yet given out the personnel of the clubs who will represent his Central Palace alleys, but it is thought that the captain thereof will be Mrs. George Isemann.

Christian Xander's duckpin team lost two games to the All-Stars, of Hyattsville, last night.

Captain Isemann's team took the first game by 28 pins, but lost the second by 7 pins and the last game by 50 pins. The scores:

CHRISTIAN XANDER.		
Fisher.....	114	89
Hodge.....	98	86
Kiernan.....	91	88
Everett.....	82	96
Isemann.....	101	91
Totals.....	486	450

ALL-STARS (HYATTSVILLE).		
Wright.....	108	103
Holien.....	84	99
Grant.....	86	87
Bliskman.....	85	82
Ross.....	109	81
Totals.....	458	457

Breaking a previous high team set record of 1,559, the Shermans smashed 1,600 pins last night, won all three games from the Royals, and tied the latter for first place. The mark hung up by the Home alley team is a new mark for the city since the little pins and balls were introduced.

Year's Respite Over For J. Frank Baker

MACON, Ga., March 8.—After a year's respite on the farm in close communion with nature and such, John Franklin Baker resumed his original occupation shortly before midnight. Which is to say that John Franklin missed his Atlanta connection for the Yankee camp and was forced into a four-hour delay before displaying his wounded talon to the gaze of Manager Donovan and a cluster of waiting scribes.

Baker, however, lost no time in phoning Donovan from Atlanta. "How's the bad hand?" asked Bill. "Coming along fine," was John Franklin's reply. Which should indicate that he will be ready to carry the old ash furniture up to the plate and bust one at an early date.

Brainard Gets Home Run and Two Singles

MARLIN, Tex., March 8.—The sultry weather that has been annoying the Giants for the past two days passed away yesterday on a breeze that blew forty miles an hour out of the northwest. A drop of several degrees in temperature was greatly appreciated because even then the thermometer registered around 79 all day. The wind interfered with fielding, but did not disturb the routine of practice.

Brainard was the star of the abbreviated game. Up three times, he hit for a home and two singles, and scored three runs. In the field Hunter, Martin, and Babbington had good records. Hunter, though he is a first baseman, can play other positions well. McGraw liked his work up around the Polo Grounds last summer, and is taking a long look at him down here.

Dodgers in Great Shape; Ready for Camp

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 8.—One more day's practice here remains for the Dodgers. It will be taken today, and tonight Jack Coombs and his colleagues will say good-by to their friends and leave for Daytona, Fla. Coombs does not intend to let Wednesday go by without the usual workout in the morning on the Whittington Park field. In the afternoon Coombs will play his final game of golf on the local eighteen. He will be accompanied as heretofore by the Dodgers who have promised not to put the jinx on him. "There is no denying the benefit we have received here," Coombs said today. "All of the team will arrive in Florida in excellent shape. The baths have done us a world of good, and the practice we have received has put us on edge to begin the regular training grind with lots of ginger and determination."

Phillies Pespire in Initial Work Out

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 8.—Pat Moran today sent his pennant-prospectors through their paces in preparation for the coming season's free-for-all, and as a result twenty-five National League champions slept peacefully tonight, although the workout was rather in the nature of an exercise gallop. Sid Sol, the man of baseball destiny, was sitting on the lid, and from personal experience it would have mattered not one whit whether the cover was on or off.

After rating the squad along easily for an hour and a half, the Irish instructor rane down the curtain for luncheon, which was served on the bleachers. After a stage of several hours the manager summoned his company to the clubhouse, allotted a few cues and ordered another rehearsal, which began at 1.25 and ended at 3 p. m., when the porcupine pastimers quickly availed themselves of the solace of the showers.

Mack's Squad Makes Late Start South

NEW YORK, March 8.—Connie Mack's advance squad of pennant chasers encountered a blockade here yesterday and were forced to wait until today to make their start for the Athletics' training camp at Jacksonville, Fla. The Mackmen were originally booked to sail on the Apache, but the latter boat was battered up by last Friday night's storm and the Comanche took her place on the steamship company's schedule. The players slept aboard the Comanche last night and are due to leave port this afternoon.

In the squad that will leave here are three veterans and seven youngsters, and they are in charge of Joe Ohi, the club secretary, who will act as pilot until they reach Jacksonville. The veterans in the party are Wally Schang, the catcher, who took his bride with him; J. Weldon Wyckoff and "Rube" Bressler, pitchers. The youngsters are Pitchers Morissette, from Richmond, Va.; Crowell, the Brown University twirler; Myers, from Raleigh, and Harry Weaver, the local boy, who was with the Union Petroleum team; Catchers Perkins, of Raleigh; Meyer, of Davenport, Iowa, and Murphy, of Birmingham club, of the New York State League.

Two new additions were made to the party at the last minute. One was Roy G. Mellinger, from Lancaster, Pa. He is a pitcher, who was with Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last season, and was drafted by the Savannah club. As Savannah will not have a team this year, Mack bought him and will give him a trial. The other is a young pitcher named Farnham, who was with Raleigh last season. He is a big fellow, and Mack will look him over at Jacksonville, but will let him stay in Raleigh for another season's work.



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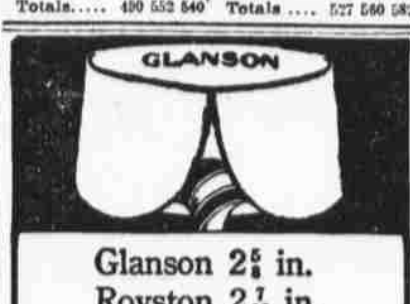
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